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1. Dr. Landsberg, Chairman of the Berlin Landesverband of the CDU, his two deputies, Even and Dr. Maxsein, and the managing secretary, Hampel, were called to a conference with high ranking Russian officers at the Russian Central Komendatura in mid-September 1946. The SMA was represented by General Ketikov, Colonel Isarev, Major Seizev, Major Dimitrev, Lieutenant Schmensky, another major, an interpreter, and a secretary. After a five hour discussion, conducted "very politely", the CDU representatives were General Ketikov's dinner guests. 50X1-HUM
2. The first hour was spent on a discussion of federalism, which General Ketikov asked the CDU to reject. The CDU men attempted to justify a federalism which would leave room for local individuality in cultural matters within a unified Germany. The next two hours were spent discussing "Christian Socialism", the history of Marxism, and theoretical socialism.
3. General Ketikov then came to the actual point of the meeting. He accused the CDU of permitting its members to spread anti-Soviet propaganda and to denounce Russia at public meetings. He cited stenographic reports of various anti-Russian utterances, including remarks made the previous night at a meeting in a western sector of Berlin. General Ketikov emphatically warned the CDU not to permit a single remark of this nature at any meeting in Berlin.
4. The CDU accepted this warning and at the meeting of functionaries on 24 September 1946 all the Kreis and Ortsgruppen chairmen signed the following statement:

"I have taken note of the report of the Chairman of the Landesverband Berlin of the CDU, Tuesday, 24 September 1946. Accordingly, all speakers for the CDU in Berlin, either public or private, are ordered to refrain from uttering any remarks calculated to disrupt relations with the occupying powers. Chairmen of CDU meetings are instructed to demand strict adherence, and especially to prevent any anti-Soviet propaganda. If necessary, they will silence the speaker immediately."

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5. At the same meeting with the Russians, General Ketikov promised the CDU additional office space and transportation, and, if possible, an increased paper allotment. He forbade discussion of eastern frontiers or Byrnes' speech.

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